GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:126
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2016
Loss of Forest Wealth
Somaiya Dr. Kirit

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large areas of forest cover in the country have been affected by plant diseases, insects and pests resulting in considerable loss of forest wealth;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(c) whether the Government is aware that Sal forests in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have been affected/threatened by Sal borers and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has adopted modern scientific method to save the Sal forests from the onslaught of the Sal borers and if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
(e) the comprehensive measures proposed to be taken by the Government to protect and save the forest/tree cover in the country from plant diseases and destruction caused by insects and pests in order to prevent loss of forest wealth?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)to (e)The statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *126 BY DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA REGARDING "LOSS OF FOREST WEALTH" DUE FOR REPLY ON 26.07.2016

(a)& (b)No Sir. However, sporadic incidents of plant diseases, insects and pest attacks have been reported in Anogeissus pendula (Dhok) trees in Kota and Bundi Forest Divisions of Rajasthan and silver fir and Spruce Forests in Hirpora Wildlife sanctuary of Jammu &Kashmir during 2015. Attack of Deodar Defoliator pest in Deodar Forests of Rajgarh Forest Division of Himachal Pradesh was reported during 2014.

(c)Sporadic incidents of Sal forests affected by Sal borer pest has been reported from certain areas of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

(d) & (e)The management of forests is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The action to save Sal forests from the onslaught of Sal borers is taken as per the prescriptions of the approved working plan of the area and in consultation with the research institutions of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

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